

## Medicines Management FAQs

### **Is the anticoagulation service able to manage the change of patients from warfarin to DOAC e.g. counselling?**

#### **From NUH:**

This is usually done by the Anticoagulation service for patients starting on DOACs for the first time when diagnosed with DVT (and not usually for initiation in context of AF), or when switching between Warfarin and DOAC if this is arranged through our service. However this is usually done face to face in the Anticoagulation clinic at QMC, but we do occasionally discuss this all with patients over the phone instead. Although they'd like to be able to counsel all patients if switching onto a DOAC, realistically this is going to depend on numbers of patients, as their service is being depleted and the anticoagulant nurses are being drafted to work on the wards. They have said they could probably manage a few extra than normal but not lots, so please reserve this option for more complex patients.

#### **July 2020 Update from NUH:**

We can see patients in clinic to switch but quite a lot are still shielding so any that are able to attend clinic we will see – others we will liaise with surgeries if complex or the GPs switch themselves.